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SUBJECT: TURKEY: AN INSIDER'S VIEW OF PRIME MINISTER ERDOGAN

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1. (S) SUMMARY AND COMMENT. Prime Minister Erdogan, chairman of the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), is a perfectionist workaholic
2. (S) xxxxx provided a glimpse of PM Erdogan's personal style. Erdogan demands perfection from himself and from those around him; he finds a
3. (S) The PM is a workaholic, xxxxx During the election, he traveled to three provinces a day – a daily logistical feat for his staff in this
4. (S) “If you know the Prime Minister well, then you know he is very stubborn,” our contact told us. Once he sets his mind to something, or n
5. (S) The PM is a very fair person in his relations with employees. He supports his staff; he takes interest in and the utmost care of his en
6. (S) Erdogan expects employee initiative. xxxxx PM's health, which he described as “great.” If he were not

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in good shape, would he be able to travel so much and work such long hours?

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